



Fire Safety Bond Quick Facts

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⚡ The **Fire Safety Bond** is a \$51 million general obligation bond the City Council placed on the November ballot. If passed, the bond money will be used to:

- ***Replace three small, substandard fire stations*** (Fire Station 2 in Niles, Fire Station 6 in Centerville, and Fire Station 8 in North Fremont):
Total cost = \$19,521,000
- ***Strengthen the remaining seven fire stations:***
Total cost = \$13,416,000
- ***Build a public safety training center:***
Total cost = \$12,736,000
- ***Project contingency and bond costs:***
Total cost = \$5,017,000

⚡ Homeowners pay average of \$6.94 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

⚡ The land the stations sit on is too small for a modern fire station, making it more expensive to remodel these stations than replace them completely.

⚡ The public safety training center will include:

- a fire tower,
- a firing range,
- a driving course,
- fire and rescue props,
- classrooms

⚡ The first projects will begin in 2004, and the last ones will be completed by 2009.

⚡ By law, the City can only collect enough money to pay for the specific projects listed in the bond measure, up to the amount authorized in the bond. Once the City completes the projects listed, it stops collecting money, even if it hasn't collected the full amount authorized.